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**About Shakespeare**  
Click on [this link](http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fshakespeare.palomar.edu%2Ftimeline%2Ftimeline.htm&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNFRCxlK5ZSV7S5awlqTLj9jxKjoLw) and answer the following questions (1-7).

1. Click on the link to Birth 1564 & Early Years. William Shakespeare was born in what year?

* Shakespeare was born in 1564.

1. What date do we recognize as his birthday?

* We recognize his birthday as April 23rd.

1. What was important about Stratford-upon-Avon in the 16th century?

* It was an agricultural center and market town. Shakespeare was also born here.

1. Click on the link for 1594 and find the acting companies Shakespeare was associated with in the early days. Name one.

* One acting company Shakespeare was associated with was The Queen’s Men.

1. Click on 1599 The Great Globe. What is the probable year that Romeo and Juliet was written?

* Romeo and Juliet was probably written in 1595.

1. Scroll down to the section "Construction of the Globe," and answer these questions:
2. Where did the timbers to build the Globe come from?

* The timber came from The Theatre.

1. Who was the carpenter who built the Globe?

* Peter Smith built the Globe.

1. What was Shakespeare's share as "householder?"

* As householder, he received 10% of the total profits.

1. What day and year did Shakespeare die? Why is this an *interesting* date? How old was Shakespeare when he died?

* He died on April 23,1616.

**About Marriage**  
Click on [this link](http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Felizabethan.org%2Fcompendium%2F9.html&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNEiqAhL7iWmm8baCgwMMmjsUAqdCQ) and answer the next questions (8-10).

1. Romeo & Juliet marry secretly, but because she is trying to escape the arranged marriage to Paris. Read this site about marriage in Elizabethan England and answer these questions.
2. What does betrothal mean?

* It is when the man gives the woman the wedding ring to wear on her right hand until the wedding.

1. Name three marriage and betrothal customs found on this page.

* It is luckiest to have the wedding before noon. The father of the bride pays for the festivities. The garland should usually be rosemary and roses.

1. Click on the link for "more wedding customs."
2. What color should the bride's dress be?

* It can be any fashionable color.

1. How is the intention to marry announced? What happens if it is not announced previous to the event?

* It is announced in the church three times. If it isn’t announced previously then it’s considered illegal.

1. Describe the wedding procession.

* The procession is generally noisy. The wedding is always a religious ceremony conducted by a minister. Anyone can attend the procession as long as there is room.

1. What is a dowry?

* It’s an amount of money, goods, and property the bride brings to the marriage.

1. Explain how important is a wedding ring to the Elizabethans?

* To the Elizabethans, the wedding ring symbolizes bonds of marriage.

**About Food**  
Click on [this link](http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Felizabethan.org%2Fcompendium%2F46.html&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNGssRM0rb9h2RpTXVndJLtt5_SUpg) and continue (11-13).

1. How many meals do people generally eat each day?

* They ate two meals a day.

1. Click [here](http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Felizabethan.org%2Fcompendium%2F38.html&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNH_v1slU4KUXHiOP6JGTM30joBbGg). Why would people in Shakespeare's day not know what a chocolate chip cookie is?

* Chocolate didn’t come in yet in this time period.

1. Lord Capulet throws a huge party, feast and all. Imagine you are in charge of that menu. Luckily for you, today you only have to plan a menu for a small dinner party. Be sure to use only [food available in Europe](http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Felizabethan.org%2Fcompendium%2F47.html&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNH_r4Pi5qSvi62S9U41feYkL9eJKA) during this time. Choose at least two vegetables, two meats, and two fruits or nuts.

* I would choose peas, beets, veal, deer, strawberries, and apples.

**About Language**  
Click on [this link](http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Felizabethan.org%2Fcompendium%2F20.html&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNGUc05osswyLiS5DcQddpmV3Qpb8A) and continue (14-16).

1. A famous line from *Romeo and Juliet* is when Juliet says, "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" What does "wherefore" mean?

* Wherefore means why.

1. What does "stay" mean?

* Stay means to wait.

1. [Click here](http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Felizabethan.org%2Fcompendium%2F29.html&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNGG3OXq0Xc-9t8ZCWGXvvcHMmWsjw) to get the information you need to translate this conversation. Put your translation in column two. Keep the phrases just about the same, but use Elizabethan words where you can. So, in other words, you rewrite the entire phrase but replace as many words as you can using Elizabethan English.

|| **Person A** || Hello. (A sneezes) Excuse me. || ||

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| **Person B** | Gesundheit! |  |
| **A** | Thank you.  – Gramercy. |  |
| **B** | Say, do you know where the closest bathroom is?-Say, do you know where the closest ajax is. |  |
| **A** | Certainly. It's down the street in the Kings Tavern.- Certes. It’s down the street in the King’s Tavern. |  |
| **B** | Thanks. Goodbye.- My thanks. Good day. |  |

**About Theatre in Shakespeare's Time**  
"[Actors, Acting, & Audience](http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.uni-koeln.de%2Fphil-fak%2Fenglisch%2Fshakespeare%2F&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNGvoIKzQNcmiLkVjdrrFqUMv_cqoQ)" is the link for the next questions (16-19).

1. How many women actors did the company usually feature?

* It did not feature any women. It featured all boys and men.

1. Was Shakespeare an actor? What was the term used to refer to actors?

* Yes. The term players was used to refer to actors.

1. How were the seating arrangements for the audience? How did one get a good seat?

* They were close-packed. It was first come, first serve.

1. What would the audience do if they did not like a performance?

* They would pelt the performers with oranges and anything else they had.

**Shakespearean Insults**

1. Go to the [Shakespearean Insult Kit](http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mit.edu%3A8001%2Fpeople%2Fdryfoo%2FFunny-pages%2Fshakespeare-insult-kit.html&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNE-NHnmbhVtGOIDsHSyqISJXMyqvQ) and create your own insult. How you do it is to start with the word "Thou." Next, take a phrase/word from the first column to begin your insult, continue by adding something from the second column, and finish it up royally with something from the third column. Type your own personal Shakespearean insult in the table below. [Thou + choice from column 1 + choice from column 2 + choice from column 3 = your custom made insult

* Thou spongy, onion-eyed, dewberry.